

**MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17, 2021
(Approved April 21, 2021)**

The Planning Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021. Present for the meeting were Walter Woessner, Kathryn Alexis, Lance Parson, Larry Tietjen, and Paul Lacon. Also present were Marjorie Brown, Township Solicitor and Rick Tralies, Township Planner.

Mr. Woessner called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and the pledge was recited.

MINUTES

Mrs. Alexis made a motion to accept the minutes as revised for February 17, 2021. Mr. Parson seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

R&S Land Development – 2300 New Schuylkill Road

Mr. Woessner stated R&S Land Development have stated they are going to update their plans and come before the Planning Commission in April. Mr. Tralies stated he met with R&S Land Development last week and it looks like instead of splitting into three (3) lots they are going to split it into two (2) lots by foregoing the residential lot.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Mr. Woessner stated this is not on the agenda, but there have been complaints about the backing in diagonal parking on High Street in Pottstown ever since they started it. Mr. Woessner found a story as to why it is that way and it states that it is a State requirement and it's a State road.

Review of Sign Ordinance Amendments

Ms. Brown stated she updated the sign ordinance to reflect Mr. Hosterman's comments as well as the Planning Commission's collective comments. Ms. Brown stated they should have the latest version of the definitions which is Version 8 and the latest version of the text is Version 6. They reviewed the various comments made by Planning Commission members and the proposed revisions by Ms. Brown. A discussion ensued. Ms. Brown will make additional changes, discuss with Mr. Hosterman and then put it into Ordinance form. Ms. Brown will also email a redline version to the Planning Commission members to review.

Discussion re: Proposed Growing Greener Ordinance Amendments

Mr. Tralies continued review of the Growing Greener Ordinance Amendments with the intention of finishing Section 108 tonight. Mr. Tralies would like Ms. Brown and himself to work out Section 109 (Greenway Land Permanent Protection) and Section 110 (Greenway Land Ownership and Maintenance) and the Planning Commission will have the opportunity to review it. A discussion ensued. Mr. Tralies plans on going back over the previous months of redlines, notes, and comments and revise the ordinance and will send it to the Planning Commission members for review. They will review any big issues at the next meeting, have a second go through and Mr. Tralies will share it with Ms. Brown and Mr. Flaharty. They will also go over the definitions at the next meeting.

Northern Federation Update

Nothing to report at this time.

Historical Commission Update

Nothing to report at this time.

Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee

Nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Tietjen, who was voted in as the alternate voting member of the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee, asked Mr. Woessner how it works. Mr. Woessner stated that Mr. Tietjen only votes at the meetings if Mr. Moyer isn't present.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lacon moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. Mr. Woessner seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kutsch
Secretary